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 13 November 2026 (Friday)	 08:30 – 12:30 Hrs GST	 In Person	 Al Ras 2
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SESSION 1: Plenary and Lower GI Tract

Chairpersons: **Sara Al Bastaki, UAE | Ali Chamseddine, UAE | Rakesh Rai, UAE**

08:30 – 08:40	Opening Remarks
08:40 – 09:05	Year in Review: What Worked and What Didn't! David Ilson, USA
09:05 – 09:25	Evolving Management of Rectal Cancer: From TNT to Watch and Wait Filippo Pietrantonio, Italy
09:25 – 10:10	Panel Discussion: Challenging Cases in Lower GI Tumors Moderator: Tobias Arkenau, UK Panel: Abdel Rahman Labban, UAE Kakil Rasul, Qatar Faisel Ikram, UAE Syed Mansoor Hasnain, UAE Zakir Mohamed, UAE Arun Karanwal, UAE Tarek Dufan, UAE Alaaeldin Shablak, Qatar
10:10 – 10:25	HCC - Satellite Symposium BMS TBA
10:25 – 10:45	Coffee Break

SESSION 2: Upper GI Tract

Chairpersons: **Jawaher Ansari, UAE | Yasin Ahmed, UAE | Alaaeldin Shablak, Qatar**

10:45 – 11:05	Panel Discussion: Challenging Cases in Upper GI Tumors Moderator: Bhawna Sirohi, India Panel: Ahmad Matar, UAE Tarkan Yetisyigi, Bahrain Ajit Venniyoor, Oman Elizabeth Smyth, UK Hemant Vadeyar, UAE Roger Gerjy, UAE Ashok Bohra, UAE David Ilson, USA Sinem Akbas, Bahrain
11:05 – 11:20	Claudin 18.2: Transforming the Treatment Landscape in Gastric and GEJ Cancers - Satellite Symposium by Astellas Chairperson: Shaheenah Dawood, UAE Speaker: Husam Marashi, UAE
11:20 – 11:35	Integrating Immunotherapy in Advanced Upper GI Tumors: The Challenges, The Pitfalls and the Success Elizabeth Smyth, UK

11:35 – 11:50

Setting a New Benchmark in Resectable GC: Perioperative Immunotherapy Efficacy and Safety Data - **Satellite Symposium by AstraZeneca**
Shaheenah Dawood, UAE

11:50 – 12:05

Upper GI - **Satellite Symposium by BMS**
TBA

12:05 – 12:45

Panel Discussion: Challenging Cases in GI Surgery
Moderator: Shailesh Shrikhande, India
Panel: Ahmad Al Ghoche, Oman | Sara Al Bastaki, UAE | Sathis Mogan, UAE
Batool Aboud, UAE | Mazin Aljabiri, UAE | Rakesh Rai, UAE | Urfan Ulhaq, UAE
Zakir Mohamed, UAE | Faisal Ikram, UAE | Roger Gerjy, UAE
Ayman Al Harakeh, UAE | Rehaan Nensey, UAE | David Ilson, USA

12:45

Closing Remarks & Lunch Break